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Genesis 39:2

"And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master, the Egyptian." Genesis 39:2

Those material things we have accumulated, positions we have attained, or a myriad of other accomplishments that we have achieved, most often defines our success. Yet the Scriptures give us a different kind of perspective on success. "And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand." (Genesis 39:2)

Success is secondary to our being with the Lord. "And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power..." (Matt 10:1) It is natural for men to reach for things or for power or for a position. But the end quest is being found in His Presence, sitting at His feet, simply enjoying Him. It is from His presence, and from our being changed by His Presence, that the flow of the Spirit's power can reach out to others through us. From any other avenue there is the very real danger that we may begin to believe that somehow it is our cleverness or our abilities that have produced the success we are enjoying.

Oh, dear saint of God, genuine success issues from our time spent with Jesus alone!

"Lord, may others see that You are with me."

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